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Shipping Weight and Value, Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			
Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:			
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%			
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%			
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%			
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000			
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500			

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total	All U.S. flag carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Total	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania
Total, all carriers...	123,082	(X)	27,370	13,366	55,877	20,254	3,057	2,526	980,322	(X)	104,868	60,077	516,916	225,057	24,307	18,469		
U.S. flag carriers....	(X)	41,352	10,742	4,308	15,845	7,698	838	644	30	41,155	328,613	49,861	141,286	103,557	7,444	3,591		
Boston, Mass.	3,869	1,612	440	(Z)	3,288	75	35	-	-	2,778	13	36,568	659	668	-	-		
Bridgeport, Conn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Orlando, Fla., N.Y.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Buffalo, N.Y.	554	554	554	1	-	-	-	-	-	4,971	4,970	4,942	-	-	-	-	-	
New York City, N.Y.	46,200	13,273	2,630	2,978	32,218	6,728	316	1,330	182,270	123,288	22,080	73,858	2,353	11,940				
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,304	1,024	1,024	175	700	358	37	(Z)	34	5,678	3,369	1,141	1,930	654	1	28		
Baltimore, Md.	54	54	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	272	272	51	-	-	-	-	-	
Washington, D.C.	6	6	6	1	4	-	-	-	-	51	51	51	-	-	-	-	-	
Charleston, S.C.	18	18	18	1	4	-	-	-	-	117	117	2	44	71	-	-	-	
Savannah, Ga.	367	329	72	1	271	23	(Z)	23	23	2,448	986	258	61	1,687	480	-	1	
Tampa, Fla.	94	11	93	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	340	44	330	8	2	-	-	-	
Mobile, Ala.	12	12	-	1	-	(Z)	-	-	-	122	122	-	-	13	108	-	1	
New Orleans, La.	308	108	233	-	-	-	-	-	-	997	353	883	114	-	-	-	-	
Laredo, Tex.	499	493	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	777	562	737	37	3	-	-	-	
El Paso, Tex.	189	188	189	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	1,205	1,189	1,204	1	-	-	-	-	
Norfolk, Ariz.	31	21	31	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	80	60	67	67	13	-	-	-	
Los Angeles, Calif.	8,495	2,495	607	238	2,882	4,504	791	72	110,119	3,210	3,532	35,000	59,241	7,871	1,187			
San Francisco, Calif.	4,423	2,551	464	44	643	2,350	817	105	74,947	41,279	6,175	852	10,298	48,200	9,309	112		
Portland, Ore.	78	30	78	-	-	1	-	-	1,661	1,661	426	-	1,231	-	4	-		
Seattle, Wash.	716	504	228	(Z)	204	-	275	1	8	8,825	5,818	2,232	1	2,534	3,780	9	268	
ANCHORAGE, Alaska	579	563	135	-	10	434	-	-	1,394	1,241	224	-	27	1,143	-	-		
HONOLULU, Hawaii	547	233	1	1	278	288	-	-	2,753	1,148	277	-	10	1,356	1,358	-	-	
GENERAL TRADE, Mont.	31	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PAWNERS, N. Dak.	417	447	447	-	-	-	-	-	266	266	266	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minneapolis, Minn.	421	139	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,070	5,070	806	-	-	-	3,614	649	-	
Detroit, Mich.	2,495	1,951	666	69	1,603	42	12	64	12,016	10,236	2,559	84	8,902	263	68	140		
Chicago, Ill.	13,153	6,048	2,761	10	8,276	1,869	15	222	98,827	43,007	20,015	123	60,1985	16,993	26	1,686		
Cleveland, Ohio	725	215	457	-	107	147	(Z)	13	4,042	1,125	2,473	-	1,157	4,717	4,73	13	25	
St. Louis, Mo.	148	137	16	-	72	60	-	-	5,005	4,929	63	-	4,225	-	-	-		
San Juan, P.R.	932	519	834	57	35	4	-	2	3,604	1,404	1,584	446	1,113	1,252	-	235		
Miami, Fla.	16,923	6,866	9,170	7,562	174	15	1	1	51,660	18,033	23,244	26,002	2,293	87	6	-		
Houston, Tex.	1,780	450	521	201	466	411	(Z)	181	10,410	2,420	2,312	848	3,533	2,965	1	753		
Washington, D.C.	1,604	139	2	117	454	29	2	11,375	1,166	1,166	1,166	1,166	9,564	310	3	31		
All other districts...	167	112	248	(Z)	100	35	3	-	325	185	6	312	184	50	-	-		
Shipments under \$251...	16,721	(N/A)	6,242	1,323	5,267	2,656	769	462	35,717	(N/A)	10,460	2,439	12,554	6,242	1,917	1,705		
Special Category...	632	(D)	208	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)		

- Represents zero or \$500,
than 500 pounds or \$500.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total		North America		Europe		Australia and Oceania		U.S. flag carriers		Total	
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	South America	North America	Asia	Africa	All carriers	(X)	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe
Total, all carriers..	79,009	(X)	8,733	8,303	40,255	20,828	541	340	525,801	43,722	23,755	152,797
U.S. flag carriers....	34,200	3,553	3,119	15,968	11,241	252	66	(X)	235,418	21,220	10,674	51,199
Boston Mass.	926	100	11	2,207	62	3	(2)	15,412	5,363	1,633	68	2,106
Brooklyn Port, Conn.	2,382	(2)	(2)	-	-	-	-	21	21	12,817	692	182
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	46	46	-	(2)	-	-	-	17	14	1,16	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.	292	272	275	-	15	2	-	4,202	3,494	3,818	66	-
New York City, N.Y.	35,826	15,469	1,079	2,503	25,209	6,702	116	217	260,956	104,403	6,504	41,495
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,175	739	352	549	502	87	-	1	8,453	4,245	565	4,031
Baltimore, Md.	1,36	32	7	(2)	26	3	-	2,84	2,260	108	(2)	-
Wilmington, N.C.	123	10	2	-	-	-	-	2,932	1,713	1,038	1,97	-
Charleston, S.C.	94	43	(2)	5	89	(2)	-	1,930	1,024	1,024	1,452	-
Savannah, Ga.	47	45	9	(2)	37	(2)	-	1,687	1,316	63	3	1,379
Tampa, Fla.	31	1	-	1	(2)	-	-	151	20	128	23	(2)
Mobile, Ala.	(2)	30	-	(2)	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.	195	33	157	3	5	(2)	-	29	491	63	193	23
Laredo, Tex.	109	108	(2)	(2)	(2)	-	-	319	90	311	3	21
El Paso, Tex.	23	16	22	-	1	(2)	-	464	371	441	-	4
Nogales, Ariz.	10	7	9	-	1	-	-	142	110	132	-	1
Los Angeles, Calif.	5,562	2,228	419	82	4,079	195	-	13	52,540	19,250	5,351	14,145
San Francisco, Calif.	4,788	3,240	74	9	4,373	89	1	54,918	33,900	798	53	30,586
Portland, Ore.	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	32	19	29	-	1,723
Seattle, Wash.	2,066	1,950	60	-	149	1,886	(2)	14,477	11,742	2,856	-	5
Anchorage, Alaska	14	5	3	-	5	6	-	241	241	26	23	-
Honolulu, Hawaii	715	186	31	(2)	41	548	94	(2)	9,175	1,894	56	1
Great Falls, Mont.	17	17	17	-	-	-	-	347	346	347	-	-
Pembina, N.Dak.	39	39	39	-	(2)	-	-	367	366	348	-	6
Minneapolis, Minn.	121	118	7	(2)	3	111	-	-	863	806	227	30
Detroit, Mich.	2,273	355	1	2,287	28	-	(2)	6,758	5,683	1,184	3	5,294
Chicago, Ill.	5,359	2,116	42	14	3,227	1,112	5	39	43,028	15,113	5,507	43
Cleveland, Ohio.	16	16	56	-	34	6	-	667	213	304	274	59
St. Louis, Mo.	10	4	7	-	2	1	-	689	27	14	10	15
San Juan, P.R.	2,336	667	1,756	414	1,60	4	-	2	3,053	1,174	1,500	335
Miami, Fla.	7,376	2,428	2,511	4,477	320	64	-	4	17,278	7,286	7,070	7,169
Houston, Tex.	388	199	218	2	131	32	13	4	7,689	2,432	2,757	10
Washington, D.C.	861	796	33	1	814	13	-	(2)	8,780	7,765	16	8,118
All other districts....	39	25	14	-	21	-	-	416	260	190	130	-
Shipments under \$251....	6,277	(N/A)	851	232	3,342	1,686	40	37	7,653	(N/A)	1,037	4,076

- Represents zero.

NA Not available.

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

X Not applicable.

